Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, the method comprising:

receiving, by a computer based system for managing asset consumption, billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information includes a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

reading, by the computer based system, a business model file comprising a business dimension within the entity, the business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of groups within the entity and a value driver <u>data</u> of the entity, <u>wherein the value driver data is criteria used by the entity to determine if the entity is successful;</u> and

application profile information including information identifying-computer-related hardware processing tasks, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity[[,]];

allocating, by the computer based system, the billing information by associating each of the unique hardware processing job identifiers to a group in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information;

assessing a technology operational cost in the groups <u>and correlating operational cost to the value driver data</u>; and

making a value based decision based on the assessment.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the business dimension further comprises a business process and an associated business performance metric.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the allocating step further comprises determining a total cost associated with computer-related hardware processing resources from the provider incurred by each group.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the reading step further comprises:

determining an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity; and

determining an application profile of the entity.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A computer based system, comprising:

a computer network communicating with a memory;

the memory communicating with a processor; and

the processor, when executing a computer program for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, is configured to:

receive billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information includes a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

read a business model file comprising a business dimension within the entity, the business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of groups within the entity;

value driver data of the entity, wherein the value driver data is criteria used by the entity to determine if the entity is successful; and

application profile information including information identifying computer-related hardware processing tasks, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity; [[and]]

allocate the billing information by associating each of the unique hardware processing job identifiers to a group in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information;

correlate operational cost to the value driver data; and

<u>making a value based decision based on the assessment.</u>

7. (Previously Presented) The computer based system of claim 6, wherein the business dimension further comprises a business process and an associated business performance metric.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer based system of claim 7, wherein the allocating further comprises determining a total cost associated with computer-related hardware processing resources from the provider incurred by each group.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer based system of claim 8, wherein the processor, when executing the computer program, is further configured to:
determine an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;
determine a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;
~~determine a value driver of the entity;~~ and
determine an application profile of the entity.

10 (Previously Presented) The computer based system of claim 9, wherein the processor, when executing the computer program, is further configured to:
assess a technology operational cost in the groups; and
make a value based decision based on the assessment.

11. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory, tangible computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, the plurality of instructions, when executed by a computer based system for managing asset consumption, are configured to cause the computer based system to perform operations, comprising:
receiving, by the computer based system, billing information associated with consumption of computer-related hardware processing resources from a provider, wherein the billing information includes a unique hardware processing job identifier corresponding to each hardware processing job executed by the provider for the entity;

reading, by the computer based system, a business model file comprising a business dimension within the entity, the business dimension including:

organizational information including a list of groups within the entity

value driver data of the entity, wherein the value driver data is criteria used by the entity to determine if the entity is successful;[[,]] and

application profile information including information identifying computer-related hardware processing tasks, wherein a hardware processing job performed by the provider may comprise at least part of a hardware processing task of one or more groups within the entity; and

allocating, by the computer based system, the billing information by associating each of the unique hardware processing job identifiers to a group in the plurality of groups based on the hardware processing task information[[.]];

correlating the allocated billing information to the value driver data; and

making a value based decision based on the correlation.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the business dimension further comprises a business process and an associated business performance metric.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the allocating further comprises determining a total cost associated with computer-related hardware processing resources from the provider incurred by each group.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the reading further comprises:

determining an internal structure of the entity, including the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a billing detail of the plurality of groups within the entity;

determining a value driver of the entity; and

determining an application profile of the entity.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:

assessing a technology operational cost in the groups; and

making a value based decision based on the assessment.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising displaying the costs incurred by each group graphically; wherein a comparison of costs for each group is possible.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising displaying the costs incurred by each group graphically during different time periods.